



# Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H  
September 2014



## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 1-30	National 4-H Alumni Month
September 22	4-H Record Book Help
September 26-28	AK-SAR-BEN Omaha, NE
October 6-11	National 4-H Week
October 8	4-H National Youth Science Day
October 9-11	Western Junior Livestock Show
October 13	Office Closed 4-H Family Fun Night
October 17	Record books DUE to Club Leaders



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### Deadlines!

It is each families responsibility to adhere to deadlines. If the deadline date falls on a weekend date, you will have the next business day to turn in any materials. **Do not miss any upcoming deadlines!**

## Advisor Comments...

May, June, July, August...September is here! Where did the summer go? Summers are getting more busy for families to try to get everything accomplished. I want to extend a huge thank you to all the families for bearing with me when I arrived back from maternity leave. We got through everything, even though there were

bumps in the road. Now it's time to move forward and make the best better for 2015!

Now it's time to put all the activities and events you did throughout the year in your 4-H record book. This is a time for you to review your goals, create new goals & start planning for next year.

Also to review, I'm

looking at programming needs for Grant County 4-H youth. Several weeks ago, I sent out a programming survey for youth, parents and volunteers to complete.

This will allow me to review programming & create fresh programs if needed. Your input is important to making this a successful 4-H program!

## 4-H Green Record Books

The primary purposes of completing a record book are for a young person to develop skills necessary to set goals, work toward achieving those goals, reflect on

his/her experiences, and set new and higher goals for themselves. A secondary benefit is potentially earning high honors or scholarships.

Record books are due to

Club Leaders October 17th.

### RECORD BOOK HELP SESSION

September 22 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

Bring your markers, newspaper clippings and photos! You may bring a computer too.

## Achievement Day & State Fair Wrap Up

A few last reminders to wrap up 2014 Achievement Days & State Fair.

1. Auction Thank yous must be completed by September 12th! Thank yous are available for pick up

at the office. The youth must attach a photo and write a thank you. The youth must show completion at the office, before auction checks are released. The bank DOES NOT mail out checks,

2. They must be picked up by the member. Static exhibits that were brought to State Fair can be picked up at the 4-H Office. They are sorted by family and located outside the office.

## Recognition Event Information

This year's Recognition Event is scheduled for Sunday, November 9th. Ice Cream Social will start at 1:00 p.m. and the recognition program will begin at 1:30 p.m. Festivities will take place at the Milbank High School Cafeteria. This is a great way to come together as a 4-H family and celebrate the accomplishments of our youth over the year!

Club Leaders were given a member recognition guides early this year to distribute to club members. If you are new members or misplaced yours, please email the 4-H office and a copy will be sent to you.

During this event, members are awarded for their year successes. There are three kinds of recognition available to 4-H members: participation, achievement and project awards. Members that have met the requirements, they can earn their 1st, 5th, and 10 year membership pins.

Also awarded are achievement pins, project medals, project achievements, Achievement Day livestock awards, showmanship awards, club Herdsmanship awards, cloverbud and static awards, and much more!

There are many special awards for youth to apply for. Youth can submit their record book to their Club Leader for Outstanding Beginner Award, South Dakota 4-H Key Award, Schmig's Genetic Award, Diane Frevert Memorial Award, Kay Wolff Youth-In-Action Award, Horse Show awards, and scholarships.

All this information can be found in the Member Recognition Guide. There has been a change to the Outstanding Beginner Award, which was emailed to families August 30, 2014 "Recognition Information".

Outstanding Beginner will receive \$25 with a certificate and if available

a 4-H Critter. This award is graciously sponsored by Donnie and Krecia Leddy.

Attention 4-H Graduates: If you are graduating from 4-H this year, please communicate with your club leader so we know for Recognition Event.

Reminder to those who have earned their Citizenship pin, you are eligible to apply for the Citizenship Washing Focus (CWF) trip for next summer. Dates are June 13-21, 2015. This is a great opportunity to engage with other 4-H members around the state and nation, grow as a leader within your club, county and state levels, and most importantly tour our nation's capitol.



## Participation Requirements for 4-H members

Participation at club and county levels are very important. There are participation requirements that have been set for 4-H members in order to earn completion and special awards.

Participation requirements are as followed:

- 4-H member must attend four club meetings.
- 4-H member must complete 4-H

Record book.

- 4-H member must give a public presentation/demonstration at club or higher level.
- 4-H member must complete one of the following:
  - ⇒ 4-H member showed project accomplishment in one project area.
  - ⇒ 4-H member participated in judging program at club or county level.

- ⇒ 4-H member participated in a county event/activity
- ⇒ 4-H member participated in Junior Leadership.

Each club may have there own discretion on what constitutes for meeting these requirements. Such as, working the Lunchstand at Achievement Days may count towards a club meetings.

### Stay Connected with Grant County 4-H!

Find information at: SDSU Extension iGrow ([www.igrow.org](http://www.igrow.org)), Grant County South Dakota 4-H Facebook Page, or Grant County Website ([www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension](http://www.grantcounty.sd.gov/countyoffices/extension))  
Check out our Facebook Calendar for upcoming activities and events!

# National 4-H Week: October 5-11, 2014

More than 6 million young people across the country today will celebrate National 4-H Week, an annual celebration of 4-H during the first full week of October. Grant County 4-H will leverage National 4-H Week this year to showcase the great things that 4-H offers young people and highlights the incredible 4-H youth in the community who work each day to make a positive impact on the community.

Research has proven that participation in 4-H has a significant positive impact on young people. Recent findings from the Tufts University 4-H Study of Positive Youth Development indicate that, when compared to their peers, young people in 4-H are:

- ⇒ Nearly four times more likely to contribute to their communities,
- ⇒ Two times more likely to pursue healthy behaviors like, and
- ⇒ Two times more likely to engage in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs in the out-of-school time.

In Grant County, more than 140 4-H youth and 60 volunteers from the community are involved in 4-H. Also during National 4-H Week, hundreds of thousands of youth from all around the nation will complete a single, innovative experiment on 4-H National Youth Science Day, which will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014. The 2014 National Science Experiment Rockets to the Rescue, will task youth to design and build an aerodynamic food transportation device that can deliver a payload of nutritious food to fictitious disaster victims. Youth will learn engineering concepts, develop math skills, learn about nutrition and help solve a relevant, global issue. To learn more about National Youth Science Day, please visit <http://www.4-h.org/nysd/>.



**JOIN** Grant County as we will design and build an aerodynamic food transportation device on October 8 at 4:30 p.m. at the Grant County

Courthouse Basement. This is open to all youth and parents! Please RSVP by October 1 to the 4-H Office.

Some things you can do next week is: wear your favorite 4-H t-shirt, ask your church to acknowledge 4-H Sunday (Oct. 6) and 4-H members who are present, or put a 4-H message on grocery bags. Plans for a medallion hunt are in the making as well!

**I challenge all youth, volunteers, professionals, and alumni to EXPRESS your 4-H pride with this year's theme, "#iam4H." From October 5-11 post a picture or video of yourself with your #iam4H sign, which can be downloaded. Share our pride photo on Grant County SD 4-H Facebook page, Twitter or Instagram.**



## #iam4H

## Announcements...

### Text Messages

Start receiving text messages to remind you of important deadline and updates from Grant County 4-H.

We will be utilizing this technology as we approach Achievement Days.

To receive them:

1. Log into 4H Online ([sd.4honline.com](http://sd.4honline.com))
2. Under member profile information, enter your cell phone.
3. Check "I wish to receive notices via text message"

### Family Fun Night

Family Fun Night has been set for October 13. Time and location is yet to be determined.

Invite your friends and family to come learn about what 4-H has to offer in Grant County!

Talk to Club Leaders. See youth projects. Sign-up for project clubs like archery, dog, and gun and find a traditional club that's right for you.

Learn which camp & workshops are coming soon!

Current 4-H members, if you would like to do a demonstration about a project area, please contact Sara at the 4-H Office.

### Calendar of Events

**September 22**—4-H Record Book Help at 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Courthouse Basement

**September 26-28**—AKSARBEN

**October 6-11**—National 4-H Week

**October 8-11**—Western Junior Livestock Show, Rapid City

**October 13**—Office Closed (Native American Day)

**October 13**—Family Fun Night

**November 9**—Grant County 4-H Recognition Event at 1:30 p.m.—Milbank High School Cafeteria



## 2014-2015 Registration 4-H Shooting Sports Certification

Cost of each discipline workshop is \$35. Make checks payable to SD 4-H Shooting Sports. Mail early or FAX all registration forms to the West River Ag Center (394-6607) by the deadline! Checks may follow in the mail, 1905 Plaza Blvd. Rapid City, SD 57702.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Which training are you registering for?

\_\_\_\_\_ **September 6, 2014, Phillip, Phillip Legion Hall 709 W. Pine Street**  
Register by **August 29**

\_\_\_\_\_ Rifle \_\_\_\_\_ Pistol \_\_\_\_\_ Archery \_\_\_\_\_ Muzzleloading

\_\_\_\_\_ **September 20, 2014, Aberdeen, Brown County 4-H Building, 400 24<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW**  
Register by **September 12**

\_\_\_\_\_ Rifle \_\_\_\_\_ Pistol \_\_\_\_\_ Archery \_\_\_\_\_ Muzzleloading

**\*\*\*All Participants bring your own eye protection. Muzzleloaders must bring ear protection.**

Are you currently NRA or NFAA certified? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, in which area? \_\_\_\_\_  
Do you have a degree in elementary or secondary education? \_\_\_\_\_

**Discipline classes require a minimum participation level to be held, so invite a fellow volunteer to come along! If the minimum is not reached, registrants will be contacted.**

Registration runs from 8:30 –9:00 a.m. Class begins at 9:00 and concludes by 5:00 pm. Lunch will be served on site.





# New Shepherds Clinic

**Registration:  
free of charge**

**Please register by  
Sept. 12**

**To register, contact:**  
Reid Redden  
reid.redden@ndsu.edu  
(701) 231-5597

**Clinic Hosts:**  
NDSU Extension Service  
NDSU Hettinger REC  
North Dakota Lamb  
and Wool Producers  
Association

Individuals with disabilities are invited to request reasonable accommodations to participate in NDSU-sponsored programs and events. To request an accommodation(s), please contact Reid Redden at (701) 231-5597 or reid.redden@ndsu.edu by Sept. 12, 2014 to make arrangements.

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**Saturday, Sept. 20, 2014**

**Hettinger Research Extension Center**  
10 a.m. MT

Sheep are a good livestock enterprise for youth, families with off-the-farm jobs or existing livestock enterprises seeking diversification. New sheep operations are attractive because individuals can start small and build as they go. Plus, sheep operations don't require large startup capital or amounts of land, or expensive facilities and equipment. Within a few years, new shepherds can expand their flock rapidly and build a sustainable production system. We are hosting this clinic to provide new shepherds with educational material to help them manage their sheep flocks. The clinic also supports the efforts of the North Dakota Lamb and Wool Producers Association's starter flock program.

## Topics

- Sheep production
- Sheep nutrition
- Lambing barn management
- Shepherding equipment
- Animal-handling techniques
- Tour of Hettinger REC sheep facilities

Lunch will be available for purchase.

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# Community Service Opportunities

Through its pledge of “hands to larger service,” 4-H has historically given back to the community by encouraging young people and adults to volunteer. In 4-H, service is commonly defined as the voluntary action of an individual or a group of individuals without pay. Service to the community – through food drives, raking the yard of an elderly

neighbor, adopt-a-highway programs, teens teaching younger youth, teens mentoring children or youth determining community needs and helping solve community problems – helps young people learn caring, leadership and citizenship.

**Ronald McDonald Pop Tabs**  
This year’s Statewide Community

Service Project is collecting pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House’s expenses.

The Grant County 4-H Office will be a main drop off collection site for the pop tabs! The club collecting the most pop tabs by weight will receive a PRIZE!

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## Enroll for the 2014-2015 4-H Year

It is time to re-enroll in our amazing 4-H program! We will be using 4honline.com again this year. Just a reminder, you cannot re-enroll in 4honline.com until October 1. returning members must register through 4honline.com using your email address. Please do not create a new account if you are re-enrolling in 4-H. All enrollment paperwork, code

of conduct, media release, and medical waivers will be electronically signed in 4honline.com.

The shooting sports clubs for gun and archery will start in January for 4-H member who are 8-years-old by January 1, 2015.

All new members will need to

complete the 4honline.com registration as well. One important note, every family must have an email address in order to enroll in 4-H Online.

If you have any problems or questions about registration, please don’t hesitate to contact the 4-H office at 605-432-9221.

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To:

**Get  
excited!**

**National 4-H Week is October 6-11, 2014**  
**Join Grant County 4-H starting October 1st!**